(b) the names of the airports which are bordered by slum colonies; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to relocate such slums?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The location of slums around the airport could be safety hazard in the form of bird activity due to dumping of garbage and other refuse in the open.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Clearance of upgradation proposal of Amritsar Airport by PIB

1727. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 350 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th April, 2000 and state:

(a) whether a revised proposal to upgrade Amritsar Airport to International standards approved by AAI, has since been cleared by Public Investment Board (PIB);

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(c) by when it is likely to be cleared; and

(d) the amount released so far for modernisation and upgradation of the airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI/SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) A revised proposal to upgrade Amritsar airport to international standards at an estimated cost of Rs. 79.27 crores has been prepared keeping in view the direction of Public Investment Board (PIB) and the same is in the process of being submitted before Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs for consideration.

Reconsideration of decision to Disinvest AI

1728. DR.Y.LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the right to fly passengers to and from India is potentially profitable as is evident from the interest shown by the Virgin Airlines; and

(b) the action proposed to reconsider the decision of the Government to privatise Air India in view of massive interest from all over the world?